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Office of Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight Department of Health and Human Services Attention: OCIIO-9991-IFC P.O. Box 8016 Baltimore, MD 21244-1850

Re: Interim Final Rule for Group Health Plans and Health Insurance Coverage Relating to Status as a Grandfathered Health Plan Under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act

As a consumer I wish to take this opportunity to formally comment on the interim final rule regarding health plans and "grandfather" status (Document ID IRS-2010-0010-0001).

I believe the consumer protections included as part of the new health care law are vitally important and should be extended to as many people as possible. Accordingly, every effort should be made to increase the number of individuals covered by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) via the above regulations. The triggers or conditions that would extend these protections to consumers under currently existing "grandfathered" plans should not be weakened or reduced in any way. I specifically support the position and detailed comments offered by the American Chiropractic Association with respect to the implementation of these regulations.

It is also my opinion that by 'grandfathering' in only certain plans you would be showing favoritism for what could be construed as big business. Since we currently have an administration that is more 'pro little person' this would not be a wise decision from a political standpoint. This law should be fully implemented and not have loopholes for only certain corporations to slip through.

Thank you,

Lance Sikorski